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(A) CONSISTENCY WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED MILITARY
CONCEPTS (1);
(B) LOGICAL DEFENSIBILITY;
(C) AVOIDANCE OF ALTERNATIVES INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT
INCREASES IN THE REDUCTION BASE FOR NATO GROUND FORCES;
(D) CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT FORCES IN EXCLUDED CATEGORIES
SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR CIRCUMVENTING THE RESTRICTIONS
ON "GROUND FORCES";
EITHER

/(E) AVOIDANCE OF FORMAL DEFINITION OF FORCES WHICH ARE
NOT GROUND FORCES, I.E. AIR FORCES OR NATIONAL
AIR DEFENSE; AND/ OR

/(E) AVOIDANCE OF ANY DEFINITION OF OTHER THAN GROUND
FORCES WHICH MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE CENTRAL ALLIED
OBJECTIVE OF A COMMON CEILING ON GROUND FORCE
MANPOWER ONLY; AND/
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EITHER

/(F) AVOIDANCE OF DEFINITIONS WHICH ALTER THE CURRENT
CATEGORISATION OF US AND SOVIET FORCES WITH THE

EXCEPTION OF THE WARSAW PACT HELICOPTER UNITS.
(THE DEFINITION, IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION
OF SUCH ALTERATIONS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.)/

OR

/(F) AVOIDANCE OF ANY RECATEGORISATION OF THE FORCES
INVOLVED (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WARSAW PACT
HELICOPTER UNITS) WHICH WOULD CREATE EXEMPTED
CATEGORIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH A FOCUS ON OFFENSIVE

(1) ONE DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THIS FORMULATION IS TOO GENERAL.

CAPABILITY (AND THEREBY INCREASE THE PROBLEMS OF
DEFINITION, VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION)/

V. NUMERICAL DATA

6. NUMERICAL DATA ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR INITIAL USE
IN CATEGORISATION DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER SIDE/, AND
SHOULD BE USED ONLY ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS/. IN ORDER TO
MINIMISE THE IMPACT OF EVENTUALLY INFORMING THE WARSAW
PACT OF CHANGES IN THE NUMERICAL DATA ALREADY RELEASED, THE
ALLIES SHOULD TELL THE OTHER SIDE IN A LOW-KEY WAY THAT OUR
NUMBERS ARE NATURALLY UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW AND SUBJECT
TO ADJUSTMENTS.

END TEXT

2. SPC HAD BRIEF INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THIS TEXT ON SEPTEMBER 19, AND
AGREED TO CANADIAN SUGGESTION TO REVERSE THE ORDER OF SECOND AND
THIRD SENTENCE IN PARA 2.

3. BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN PARA 3 IS UK ADDITION TO MAKE CLEARER THAT
NAC WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL BEFORE
AHG PRESENTS IT TO THE WP. BELGIUM (BURNY) AND CANADA (ROY) SPOKE
IN FAVOR OF UK LANGUAGE ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS CLEARER THAN
SECRET

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ORIGINAL US LANGUAGE. US REP SUPPORTED ORIGINAL US LANGUAGE FROM
REF A. (NOTE: THE UNBRACKETED PART OF IS DRAFT DEPARTS SLIGHTLY
HERE FROM ORIGINAL US LANGUAGE IN REF A).

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